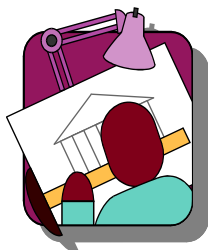


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**SUBJECT:-**  
**FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS**  
**INTO CITIZENS SAFETY COUNCILS**

Dear Gregory,

I attended a CSP Community Action Consultation on Thur/24/Mar/2016 at 6.30 pm in the sub-office of the MP for Diego Martin North East Constituency, Mr. Colm Imbert, #2 Ponderosa Drive, North Post Road, Diego Martin.

It was well attended and had a very active discussion, filling out a questionnaire by the University of Trinidad and Tobago and told of plans afoot for a 3-day workshop with all the stakeholders, listening to citizens concerns.

In my humble opinion, we now need to move to the next level of your Programme thrust, by formalizing, initiating and establishing full participation of Communities, giving residing Citizens, control, management and total involvement in the safety and security concerns in their immediate environments.

This can be done at 3 levels, with citizens of their respective Communities:-

1. Community Citizens Safety Councils, (by Community name and a registered non-profit company)
2. Regional Citizens Safety Councils, Tobago also (by Region and a registered non-profit company) and a
3. National Citizens Safety Council (incorporated by Act of Parliament, with a annual budget).

My Community, River Estate & Environs has already put forward our concerns namely:-

- Efficient Management, Monitoring and Equipped sporting Facilities, where available and needed.
- Efficient Management, Monitoring and Equipped Housing Estates and unplanned developments.
- Road Humps, control of dangerous dogs, rapid response to waste water, garbage collection and parking.
- Recognition by the Diego Martin Regional Corporation, the Village Council and Community Development.

The Regional Citizens Safety Councils will comprise of members of the various Community Safety Councils and the National Citizens Safety Council will comprise of 1 member of each Regional Citizens Safety Council and will be responsible to Parliament submitting a Report annually.

This is government from the ground up, giving the Citizen Security Programme (CSP) acknowledgement of the great work already done and shall be a major contributor to addressing the Nation's concern of crime, violence, gender and family development in our beloved twin island state of Trinidad and Tobago.

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